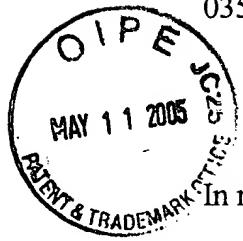


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PATENT APPLICATION



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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 09/852,615) : Group Art Unit: 2167
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For: INFORMATION MANAGEMENT)
APPARATUS, INFORMATION :
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND)
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INFORMATION MANAGEMENT)
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REPLY TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION
REGARDING NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office communication dated April 11, 2005 of a non-responsive Amendment, Applicants have decided to prosecute Claims 25 to 31, which were indicated as being drawn to a non-elected invention, in a continuation application under Rule 1.53(b), which is being filed concurrently herewith.

Accordingly, Applicants are abandoning the present application in favor of the continuation application.

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